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Cape May County, New Jersey

Selected Housing Characteristics: 2005-2009

Data Set: 2005-2009 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Survey: American Community Survey

NOTE. Although the American Community Survey (ACS) produces population, demographic and housing unit estimates, it is the Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program that produces and disseminates the official estimates of the population for the nation, states, counties, cities and towns and estimates of housing units for states and counties.

For more information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see [Survey Methodology](#).

Selected Housing Characteristics	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Margin of Error
HOUSING OCCUPANCY				
Total housing units	101,027	+/-553	101,027	(X)
Occupied housing units	46,709	+/-1,041	46.2%	+/-0.9
Vacant housing units	54,318	+/-929	53.8%	+/-0.9
Homeowner vacancy rate	7.9	+/-1.0	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	9.8	+/-2.1	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	101,027	+/-553	101,027	(X)
1-unit, detached	51,202	+/-1,154	50.7%	+/-1.1
1-unit, attached	16,695	+/-882	16.5%	+/-0.9
2 units	11,961	+/-755	11.8%	+/-0.7
3 or 4 units	5,564	+/-665	5.5%	+/-0.7
5 to 9 units	4,311	+/-537	4.3%	+/-0.5
10 to 19 units	2,760	+/-427	2.7%	+/-0.4
20 or more units	5,679	+/-558	5.6%	+/-0.5
Mobile home	2,848	+/-305	2.8%	+/-0.3
Boat, RV, van, etc.	7	+/-13	0.0%	+/-0.1
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	101,027	+/-553	101,027	(X)
Built 2005 or later	2,201	+/-356	2.2%	+/-0.4
Built 2000 to 2004	10,021	+/-812	9.9%	+/-0.8
Built 1990 to 1999	10,491	+/-807	10.4%	+/-0.8
Built 1980 to 1989	17,023	+/-1,016	16.8%	+/-1.0
Built 1970 to 1979	14,370	+/-950	14.2%	+/-0.9
Built 1960 to 1969	12,334	+/-830	12.2%	+/-0.8
Built 1950 to 1959	12,266	+/-766	12.1%	+/-0.7
Built 1940 to 1949	6,212	+/-600	6.1%	+/-0.6
Built 1939 or earlier	16,109	+/-924	15.9%	+/-0.9
ROOMS				
Total housing units	101,027	+/-553	101,027	(X)
1 room	1,506	+/-314	1.5%	+/-0.3
2 rooms	3,343	+/-516	3.3%	+/-0.5
3 rooms	7,176	+/-767	7.1%	+/-0.8
4 rooms	18,864	+/-1,100	18.7%	+/-1.1
5 rooms	23,490	+/-963	23.3%	+/-1.0

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6 rooms	18,965	+/-1,142	18.8%	+/-1.1
7 rooms	12,681	+/-753	12.6%	+/-0.7
8 rooms	7,141	+/-581	7.1%	+/-0.6
9 rooms or more	7,861	+/-540	7.8%	+/-0.5
Median rooms	5.3	+/-0.1	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	101,027	+/-553	101,027	(X)
No bedroom	1,613	+/-320	1.6%	+/-0.3
1 bedroom	7,258	+/-634	7.2%	+/-0.6
2 bedrooms	26,447	+/-1,150	26.2%	+/-1.1
3 bedrooms	39,305	+/-1,169	38.9%	+/-1.2
4 bedrooms	19,003	+/-1,018	18.8%	+/-1.0
5 or more bedrooms	7,401	+/-656	7.3%	+/-0.6
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	46,709	+/-1,041	46,709	(X)
Owner-occupied	33,943	+/-895	72.7%	+/-1.4
Renter-occupied	12,766	+/-789	27.3%	+/-1.4
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.10	+/-0.05	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	1.81	+/-0.07	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	46,709	+/-1,041	46,709	(X)
Moved in 2005 or later	10,802	+/-849	23.1%	+/-1.6
Moved in 2000 to 2004	12,393	+/-729	26.5%	+/-1.4
Moved in 1990 to 1999	11,481	+/-643	24.6%	+/-1.4
Moved in 1980 to 1989	6,737	+/-482	14.4%	+/-1.0
Moved in 1970 to 1979	2,911	+/-282	6.2%	+/-0.6
Moved in 1969 or earlier	2,385	+/-244	5.1%	+/-0.5
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	46,709	+/-1,041	46,709	(X)
No vehicles available	4,099	+/-428	8.8%	+/-0.9
1 vehicle available	17,909	+/-846	38.3%	+/-1.6
2 vehicles available	17,936	+/-956	38.4%	+/-1.7
3 or more vehicles available	6,765	+/-509	14.5%	+/-1.1
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	46,709	+/-1,041	46,709	(X)
Utility gas	25,058	+/-889	53.6%	+/-1.6
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	6,504	+/-555	13.9%	+/-1.2
Electricity	9,904	+/-644	21.2%	+/-1.3
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	4,292	+/-464	9.2%	+/-0.9
Coal or coke	0	+/-123	0.0%	+/-0.1
Wood	455	+/-139	1.0%	+/-0.3
Solar energy	22	+/-22	0.0%	+/-0.1
Other fuel	128	+/-58	0.3%	+/-0.1
No fuel used	346	+/-207	0.7%	+/-0.4
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	46,709	+/-1,041	46,709	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	205	+/-95	0.4%	+/-0.2
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	292	+/-108	0.6%	+/-0.2
No telephone service available	2,671	+/-499	5.7%	+/-1.1
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	46,709	+/-1,041	46,709	(X)
1.00 or less	46,061	+/-979	98.6%	+/-0.5
1.01 to 1.50	374	+/-155	0.8%	+/-0.3
1.51 or more	274	+/-194	0.6%	+/-0.4

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Owner-occupied units	33,943	+/-895	33,943	(X)
Less than \$50,000	645	+/-153	1.9%	+/-0.4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	925	+/-213	2.7%	+/-0.6
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,483	+/-208	4.4%	+/-0.6
\$150,000 to \$199,999	3,002	+/-398	8.8%	+/-1.1
\$200,000 to \$299,999	7,947	+/-631	23.4%	+/-1.7
\$300,000 to \$499,999	10,419	+/-541	30.7%	+/-1.4
\$500,000 to \$999,999	6,826	+/-447	20.1%	+/-1.3
\$1,000,000 or more	2,696	+/-313	7.9%	+/-0.9
Median (dollars)	344,900	+/-8,751	(X)	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	33,943	+/-895	33,943	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	20,937	+/-765	61.7%	+/-1.6
Housing units without a mortgage	13,006	+/-663	38.3%	+/-1.6
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	20,937	+/-765	20,937	(X)
Less than \$300	8	+/-12	0.0%	+/-0.1
\$300 to \$499	144	+/-62	0.7%	+/-0.3
\$500 to \$699	430	+/-102	2.1%	+/-0.5
\$700 to \$999	1,315	+/-252	6.3%	+/-1.2
\$1,000 to \$1,499	4,964	+/-413	23.7%	+/-1.9
\$1,500 to \$1,999	5,564	+/-576	26.6%	+/-2.4
\$2,000 or more	8,512	+/-545	40.7%	+/-2.1
Median (dollars)	1,802	+/-40	(X)	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage	13,006	+/-663	13,006	(X)
Less than \$100	22	+/-24	0.2%	+/-0.2
\$100 to \$199	314	+/-179	2.4%	+/-1.4
\$200 to \$299	477	+/-260	3.7%	+/-1.9
\$300 to \$399	1,123	+/-166	8.6%	+/-1.2
\$400 or more	11,070	+/-614	85.1%	+/-2.6
Median (dollars)	637	+/-18	(X)	(X)
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (SMOCAPI)				
Housing units with a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	20,847	+/-755	20,847	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	5,622	+/-366	27.0%	+/-1.6
20.0 to 24.9 percent	2,588	+/-285	12.4%	+/-1.4
25.0 to 29.9 percent	2,424	+/-251	11.6%	+/-1.2
30.0 to 34.9 percent	1,961	+/-254	9.4%	+/-1.2
35.0 percent or more	8,252	+/-660	39.6%	+/-2.2
Not computed	90	+/-86	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	12,896	+/-654	12,896	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	2,995	+/-309	23.2%	+/-2.2
10.0 to 14.9 percent	2,361	+/-232	18.3%	+/-1.7
15.0 to 19.9 percent	1,928	+/-245	15.0%	+/-1.9
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,179	+/-167	9.1%	+/-1.3
25.0 to 29.9 percent	930	+/-192	7.2%	+/-1.4
30.0 to 34.9 percent	778	+/-189	6.0%	+/-1.4
35.0 percent or more	2,725	+/-455	21.1%	+/-3.0
Not computed	110	+/-61	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	11,460	+/-774	11,460	(X)
Less than \$200	337	+/-216	2.9%	+/-1.8
\$200 to \$299	507	+/-295	4.4%	+/-2.5
\$300 to \$499	526	+/-168	4.6%	+/-1.4
\$500 to \$749	2,290	+/-402	20.0%	+/-3.5
\$750 to \$999	2,516	+/-387	22.0%	+/-3.4

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	3,551	+/-482	31.0%	+/-3.6
\$1,500 or more	1,733	+/-456	15.1%	+/-3.8
Median (dollars)	957	+/-43	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	1,306	+/-316	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)				
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	11,424	+/-773	11,424	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	1,170	+/-350	10.2%	+/-3.1
15.0 to 19.9 percent	1,268	+/-332	11.1%	+/-2.9
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,603	+/-365	14.0%	+/-3.1
25.0 to 29.9 percent	1,275	+/-257	11.2%	+/-2.2
30.0 to 34.9 percent	1,051	+/-277	9.2%	+/-2.3
35.0 percent or more	5,057	+/-671	44.3%	+/-4.4
Not computed	1,342	+/-317	(X)	(X)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2009 American Community Survey

Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. The degree of uncertainty for an estimate arising from sampling variability is represented through the use of a margin of error. The value shown here is the 90 percent margin of error. The margin of error can be interpreted roughly as providing a 90 percent probability that the interval defined by the estimate minus the margin of error and the estimate plus the margin of error (the lower and upper confidence bounds) contains the true value. In addition to sampling variability, the ACS estimates are subject to nonsampling error (for a discussion of nonsampling variability, see [Accuracy of the Data](#)). The effect of nonsampling error is not represented in these tables.

Notes:

- Caution should be used when comparing data for Number of Rooms between 2008 and 2009. A data collection error was identified for 2008 impacting the "1 room" category. For more information please see [Errata Note #54](#).
- Caution should be used when comparing data for Number of Bedrooms between 2008 and 2009. A data collection error was identified for 2008 impacting the "0 bedrooms" category. For more information please see [Errata Note #54](#).
- The 2005-2009 plumbing data for Puerto Rico will not be shown. Research indicates that the questions on plumbing facilities that were introduced in 2008 in the stateside American Community Survey and the 2008 Puerto Rico Community Survey may not have been appropriate for Puerto Rico.
- Caution should be used when comparing data for Telephone Service Availability between 2008 and 2009. A data collection error was identified for 2008 impacting the "no" category and underreporting those who did not have telephone service available. For more information please see [Errata Note #53](#).
- Caution should be used when comparing data for Occupants per Room between 2008 and 2009. A data collection error was identified for 2008 impacting the "1 room" category. For more information please see [Errata Note #54](#).
- In prior years, the universe included all owner-occupied units with a mortgage. It is now restricted to include only those units where SMOCAPI is computed, that is, SMOC and household income are valid values.
- In prior years, the universe included all owner-occupied units without a mortgage. It is now restricted to include only those units where SMOCAPI is computed, that is, SMOC and household income are valid values.
- In prior years, the universe included all renter-occupied units. It is now restricted to include only those units where GRAPI is computed, that is, gross rent and household income are valid values.
- The median gross rent excludes no cash renters.
- While the 2005-2009 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the November 2008 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) definitions of metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas; in certain instances the names, codes, and boundaries of the principal cities shown in ACS tables may differ from the OMB definitions due to differences in the effective dates of the geographic entities.
- Estimates of urban and rural population, housing units, and characteristics reflect boundaries of urban areas defined based on Census 2000 data. Boundaries for urban areas have not been updated since Census 2000. As a result, data for urban and rural areas from the ACS do not necessarily reflect the results of ongoing urbanization.

Explanation of Symbols:

1. An "****" entry in the margin of error column indicates that either no sample observations or too few sample observations were available to compute a standard error and thus the margin of error. A statistical test is not appropriate.
2. An "-" entry in the estimate column indicates that either no sample observations or too few sample observations were available to compute an estimate, or a ratio of medians cannot be calculated because one or both of the median estimates falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
3. An "-" following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.
4. An "+" following a median estimate means the median falls in the upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
5. An "****" entry in the margin of error column indicates that the median falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution. A statistical test is not appropriate.
6. An "*****" entry in the margin of error column indicates that the estimate is controlled. A statistical test for sampling variability is not appropriate.
7. An 'N' entry in the estimate and margin of error columns indicates that data for this geographic area cannot be displayed because the number of sample cases is too small.
8. An '(X)' means that the estimate is not applicable or not available.